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### § 1411-01. Purposes.

The general purposes of the downtown development district regulations are to:

- (a) Provide a balance of uses and amenities fostering a vital economic and cultural center of the city and enhance its aesthetic qualities.
- (b) Encourage quality and variety in building and landscape design as well as compatibility in use and form.
- (c) Protect and enhance historic, cultural and architectural resources.
- (d) Create and enhance pedestrian-oriented streets to preserve retail vitality and improve the quality of life for downtown workers, visitors and residents.
- (e) Establish appropriate standards for the review of proposals for new development and redevelopment.

### § 1411-03. Purpose of Subdistricts

The downtown development use subdistricts have the following purposes:

- (a) **Subdistrict A–Downtown Core.** To encourage, support and enhance the downtown area as a high-density, mixed-use urban center of regional importance and a center for business, communications, office, government, retail and entertainment. Subdistrict A allows a mix of large-scale offices, convention facilities and hotels, commercial, high-rise residential, public, recreation and entertainment uses.
- (b) **Subdistrict B–Downtown Residential.** To create, maintain and enhance areas for residential developments that will complement and support the downtown core. Residential developments may be either as a sole use or as a mixed use and achieved through the adaptive reuse of historic structures or new construction. Subdistrict B also permits loft residences and offices.
- (c) **Subdistrict C–Downtown Support.** To maintain and enhance the Downtown Development District by providing sites for offices, residential, commercial and public and semi-public uses essential for the livelihood of businesses and neighborhoods located in Cincinnati and residents living in the downtown area. Subdistrict C permits a mix of professional and governmental offices, residential, commercial, public, semi-public and limited industrial uses.
- (d) **Subdistrict D–Riverfront.** To enhance the downtown area by providing sites for commercial recreation, hotel, retail and office space and housing in an urban neighborhood along the Riverfront.

## **§ 1411-05. Land Use Regulations.**

Schedule 1411-05 below prescribes the land use regulations for DD Downtown Development Use Subdistricts. The regulations for each subdistrict are established by letter designations as follows:

- (a) "P" designates permitted uses. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
- (b) "L" designates uses that are permitted, subject to certain limitations. Numeric suffixes refer to limitations listed at the bottom of Schedule 1411-05.
- (c) "C" designates uses permitted only after review and approval of the Conditional Use by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. These uses may be subject to additional regulations, as indicated.
- (d) "NA" designates uses that are not allowed in a given subdistrict.

Use classifications are defined in Chapter 1401, Definitions. Use classifications not listed in Schedule 1411-05 below are prohibited.

## Schedule 1411-05: Use Regulations – Downtown Development Use Subdistricts

Use Classifications	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
<b>Residential Uses</b>					
Bed and breakfast home	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09
Child day care home	L12	L12	L12	L12	
Group residential					
Convents and monasteries	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Fraternities and sororities	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Patient family homes	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Rooming houses	L2	L2	L2	L2	
Shared housing for elderly	L1	L1	L1	L1	
Permanent residential					
Single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Attached single-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Single-family rowhouse	P	P	P	P	
Multi-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Two-family dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Residential care facilities					
Assisted living	--	P	P	--	
Developmental disability dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Nursing home	--	P	P	--	
Special assistance shelter	C	C	C	C	
Transitional housing					
Programs 1-5	P	P	P	P	
Program 6	L11	L11	L11	L11	
<b>Public and Semipublic Uses</b>					
Clubs and lodges	P	P	P	P	
Colleges, public or private	P	P	P	P	
Community service facilities	P	P	P	P	
Cultural institutions	P	P	P	P	
Day care center	P	P	P	P	
Government facilities and offices					
Correctional institutions	--	--	C	--	
Offices	P	P	P	P	
Hospitals	P	P	P	P	
Park and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	
Public maintenance facility	--	P	P	P	
Public safety facilities	P	P	P	P	
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	
Schools, public or private	P	P	P	P	
<b>Commercial Uses</b>					
Animal services	--	C	C	--	
Banks and financial institutions	L3	L3	L3	L3	
ATM, stand-alone	--	--	C	C	See § 1419-07
Bed and breakfast inns	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-09
Building maintenance services	--	--	P	--	
Business services	P	P	P	P	
Commercial meeting facilities	L4	L4	L4	L4	
Eating and drinking establishments					
Drinking establishments	P	P	P	P	

Use Classifications	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
Restaurants, full service	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Restaurants, limited	L3	L3	L3	L3	See § 1419-21
Food markets	L3	L3	L3	L3	
Food preparation	P	P	P	P	
Funeral and interment services	--	--	P	--	
Hotels and commercial lodging	P	P	--	P	
Laboratories, commercial	L4	--	L4	L4	
Loft dwelling units	P	P	P	P	See § 1419-23
Maintenance and repair services	P	P	P	P	
Medical services and clinics	L4	P	L4	L4	
Offices	L4	P	L4	L4	
Parking facilities	--	--	--	--	See § 1411-25
Personal instructional services	L5	L5	P	L5	
Personal services	P	L6	P	P	
Recreation and entertainment					
Indoor or small-scale	L5	L5	P	L5	
Outdoor or large-scale	C	--	C	C	
Retail sales	P	L6	P	P	
Vehicle and equipment services					
Vehicle and equipment sales and rental	L7	--	L7	--	
Car wash	L7	L7	L7	L7	See § 1419-11
Vehicle repair	--	--	L8	--	See § 1419-27
<b>Industrial Uses</b>					
Production industry					
Artisan	--	--	P	P	
Limited	--	--	P	--	
Research and development	--	--	C	--	
Warehousing and storage					
Indoor storage	--	--	P	--	
Wholesaling and distribution	--	--	P	--	
<b>Transportation, Communication and Utilities</b>					
Communications facilities	P	--	P	P	
Public utility distribution system	L9	L9	L9	L9	
Public utility maintenance yard	--	--	C	--	
Public utility plant	C	--	C	--	
Transportation facilities					
Heliports	C	--	C	C	
Transportation passenger terminals	C	C	C	C	
Watercraft and riverfront facilities					
Commercial piers and ports	--	--	--	P	
Marinas	--	--	--	P	
Wireless communication antenna	L10	L10	L10	L10	See § 1419-33
Wireless communication tower	C	C	C	--	See § 1419-33
<b>Accessory Uses</b>					See Chapter 1421
<b>Nonconforming Uses</b>					See Chapter 1447

**Specific Limitations**

- L1 A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided in a mixed-use building.
- L2 Only rooming houses licensed pursuant to Chapter 855, Rooming Houses of the Municipal Code are allowed. A separate entrance for access to rooming units must be provided. The minimum rental is seven days. See § 1421-23.
  
- L3 Drive-through facilities are not permitted.
- L4 Not permitted as a principal ground floor use in locations indicated on Map 1411-17: Commercial Continuity Overlay.
  
- L5 Permitted only above the ground floor in a mixed-use building.
- L6 Permitted on the ground floor only.
  
- L7 Permitted as a secondary use located within a parking garage.
- L8 Permitted only if the entire use and storage is within an enclosed structure.
  
- L9 The facility must be underground, within a building or on the roof within an enclosure.
- L10 Antenna height may not exceed 20 feet; greater height requires a conditional use approval. The antenna may be attached to a multi-family, public and semi-public, public utility, commercial or industrial building or structure.
  
- L11 Programs may not exceed 50 resident occupants.
- L12 Fencing must be provided for purposes of securing outdoor play areas which must be located in the rear yard only.

**§ 1411-07. Development Regulations.**

Schedule 1411-07 summarizes the development regulations for the DD Downtown Development Districts, including lot area, FAR, height, setback and building coverage. Additional standards are included in Chapter 1419.

**Schedule 1411-07: Development Regulations – Downtown Development Districts**

Regulations	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
<b><i>Building Scale – Intensity of Use</i></b>					
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	See Overlay Map 1411-09				See § 1411-09
Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	See § 1411-41				
Required Residential Uses	No	Yes	No	Yes	See § 1411-11
<b><i>Building Form and Location</i></b>					
Maximum Building Height (ft.)	See Overlay Map 1411-13				See § 1411-13
Minimum Facade Height (ft.)	40	40	40	40	See §1411-15
Minimum Yard (ft.)	See Overlay Map 1411-15				
<b><i>Pedestrian Orientation</i></b>					
Commercial Continuity	See Overlay Map 1411-17				See § 1411-17
Ground Floor Transparency (percent)	60	60	60	60	See § 1411-21
<b><i>Vehicle Accommodation – Parking and Loading</i></b>					

Regulations	DD-A	DD-B	DD-C	DD-D	Additional Regulations
Required Parking	See Overlay Map 1411-23				See § 1411-23
Location of Parking	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	See § 1411-25 1411-27
Lot and Structure Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	See § 1411-31
Loading	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	See § 1411-37
<b>Other Standards</b>					
Buffering Along District Boundaries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	See § 1423-13
Signs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	See § 1411-39
General Site Standards	See Chapter 1421				
Landscaping and Buffer Yards	See Chapter 1423				
Nonconforming Uses and Structures	See Chapter 1447				
Off-Street Parking and Loading	See Chapter 1425				
Additional Development Regulations	See Chapter 1419				

## § 1411-09. Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in all DD subdistricts varies according to Map 1411-09: FAR Overlay in Downtown Development Districts. A building may not exceed the FAR for its location as shown on Map 1411-09: FAR Overlay in Downtown Development Districts.

## § 1411-11. Required Residential Uses.

In Use Subdistrict B, every new building, other than parking garages subject to design review pursuant to § 1411-43 or hotels, must have at least 50 percent of its building floor area devoted to residential dwellings. In Use Subdistrict D, every new building must have at least 25 percent of its building floor area devoted to residential dwellings. Provided, however, a building that has at least 75 percent of its building floor area devoted to parking, museums or sports facilities and is subject to design review and approval by the City Manager pursuant to an agreement between the city and the property owner or is being built in accordance with a site master plan approved pursuant to § 1411-45 is exempt from this requirement. Further, the Zoning Hearing Examiner may, following the procedures specified for the granting of variances, grant such variances from this provision where the applicant demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that it is not economically feasible to include residential dwellings within the building, that denial of this variance would deny the owner an economic return on investment for the total project and that the grant would be consistent with standards set forth in § 1445-15, Standards for Variances. For purposes of this section, building floor area is the sum of the gross individual floor area of every story of the building provided:

- (a) Any underground story is disregarded. A story is deemed underground if its floor level is more than three feet six inches below the average street

grade at the exterior walls of the building. For the Banks, the grade is street grade.

- (b) If the first story (other than an underground story) of a building is more than 25 feet in height, its gross individual floor area is added to the base building floor area as many times as its average height is divisible by 25 feet, rounded to the next highest whole number. For example, if the average height of a first story is 36 feet, the gross individual floor area of the first story is added twice in the calculation of the building floor area.
- (c) If an upper story of a building (other than a story exclusively devoted to heating, ventilating, air conditioning, elevators or other building service equipment) is more than 15 feet in height, its gross individual floor area is added to the building floor area as many times as its average height is divisible by 15 feet, rounded to the next highest whole number.

### **§ 1411-13. Maximum Building Height.**

Maximum building height in all DD subdistricts varies according to Map 1411-13: Maximum Building Height Overlay in Downtown Development Districts. Projections above the maximum height limit are permitted, as prescribed in Chapter 1421, General Site Standards. A building may not exceed the maximum building height for its location as shown on Map 1411-13: Maximum Building Height Overlay in Downtown Development Districts.

### **§ 1411-15. Minimum Facade Height.**

In locations indicated on Map 1411-15: Zero Setback Overlay in Downtown Development Districts every building must be built with a facade at least 40 feet in height and abut the public right-of-way along the indicated locations. Provided, however:

- (a) **Rowhouses.** Rowhouses may have a front yard up to ten feet deep.
- (b) **Recessed Entrances.** A building may be served by a recessed major entrance provided:
  - (1) The entrance width does not exceed ten percent of the building facade length fronting on the right-of-way;
  - (2) The entrance depth does not exceed the entrance width; and
  - (3) The entrance height does not exceed 25 feet.

### **§ 1411-17. Commercial Continuity.**

In locations indicated on Map 1411-17: Commercial Continuity Overlay in Downtown Development Districts at least 60 percent of first-floor building frontage be devoted to

commercial uses. Further, floor areas closest in elevation to and within 12 feet of adjoining walkway or atrium frontages must be devoted to lobbies.

**§ 1411-19. Skywalk Overlay.**

Map 1411-19: Skywalk Overlay in Downtown Development Districts shows the existing skywalk system as well as locations for extensions.

**§ 1411-21. Ground Floor Transparency.**

In order to enhance the image of activity within the DD District and thereby contribute to pedestrian activity and security, at least 60 percent of interior facades along the skywalk and exterior facades abutting a sidewalk indicated on the DD District Commercial Continuity Overlay Map must be transparent.

For purposes of this section, transparent means open or enclosed by clear and non-reflecting glass or other material between the height of two feet and ten feet above the walkway grade that provides pedestrians on adjacent sidewalks an unobstructed view extending at least two feet into the building interior.

**§ 1411-23. Required Parking Spaces.**

Parking requirements in all DD subdistricts varies according to Map 1411-23: Parking Subdistricts Overlay in Downtown Development Districts. Parking is required for the construction of new buildings. Parking is not required for the conversion, renovation or change in use of an existing building, provided any increase in floor area may not exceed ten percent. Where four or more parking spaces are required, any space that requires the movement of another vehicle to gain access to or from the space is not credited toward the requirement. Schedule 1411-23 below prescribes the parking requirements for residential and office uses in the Downtown Development District.

**Schedule 1411-23: Parking Requirements – Downtown Parking Subdistricts**

<i>Use</i>	Parking Subdistrict			
	<i>W</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Z</i>
Residential Uses (space/dwelling unit)	1	1	1	1
Office Uses (one space/square feet)	1,200	1,000	750	750

**§ 1411-25. Location of Parking.**

The location of the required parking in all DD subdistricts varies according to Map 1411-23: Parking Subdistricts Overlay in Downtown Development Districts. Required parking in each parking subdistrict may also vary by type as prescribed in Schedule 1411-25 below:

**Schedule 1411-25: Parking Type – Downtown Parking Subdistricts**

<i>Parking Type</i>	Parking Subdistrict			
	<i>W</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Z</i>
Accessory Surface Parking	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public Surface Parking	No	No	Yes	Yes
Parking Garage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**§ 1411-27. Accessory Surface Parking.**

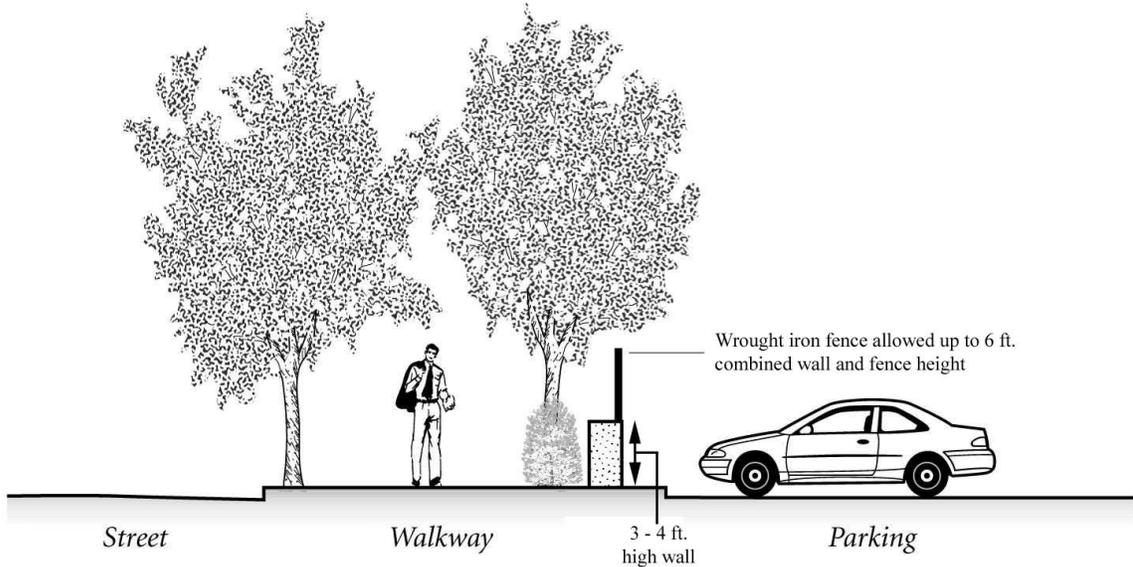
Accessory surface parking must be located within 200 feet of the building that it is intended to serve and must be for the exclusive use of the occupants and visitors of that building.

**§ 1411-29. Off-Site Parking.**

Required parking may be provided on-site or by securing or constructing parking spaces off-site within Parking Subdistricts W, X or Y, provided that no more than 25 percent of the required spaces are provided off-site. Off-site parking spaces must be for the exclusive use of the occupants and visitors of the development for which they are being provided. The property on which the off-site parking spaces are located may be under different ownership, provided the owner covenants to the city that the site parking spaces are for the exclusive use of the occupants and visitors of the development for which they are being provided. This covenant may be released only if all parking spaces released are replaced by other new spaces subject to a like covenant or the development no longer requires the parking spaces. See § 1441-07.

**§ 1411-31. Lot and Structure Design.**

All portions of the perimeter of a surface parking lot that abut a public right-of-way, other than approved entrances and exits, must have a solid concrete or masonry wall or wrought iron fence between three and four feet in height, adjacent to any public right-of-way as illustrated in Figure 1411-31-A. A wrought iron fence may be up to six feet in height or constructed on top of the wall for a combined wall and fence height of up to six



feet. Any deviation from the fencing requirements may only be permitted if approved pursuant to Chapter 1445, Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses.

**FIGURE 1411-31-A** Screening Surface Parking Lots Adjacent to Public Right-of-Way



**FIGURE 1411-31-B** Example of Screening Surface Parking

### **§ 1411-33. Design Review of Parking Garages.**

A building having more than 100 above-street-grade parking spaces and devoting more than one-half its above-street-grade floor area to parking may not be constructed in Parking Subdistrict W or X unless the design of the building is reviewed and approved under § 1411-43 or by the Zoning Hearing Examiner. The following guidelines apply to parking garage facades facing any street greater than 50 feet in width or the skywalk:

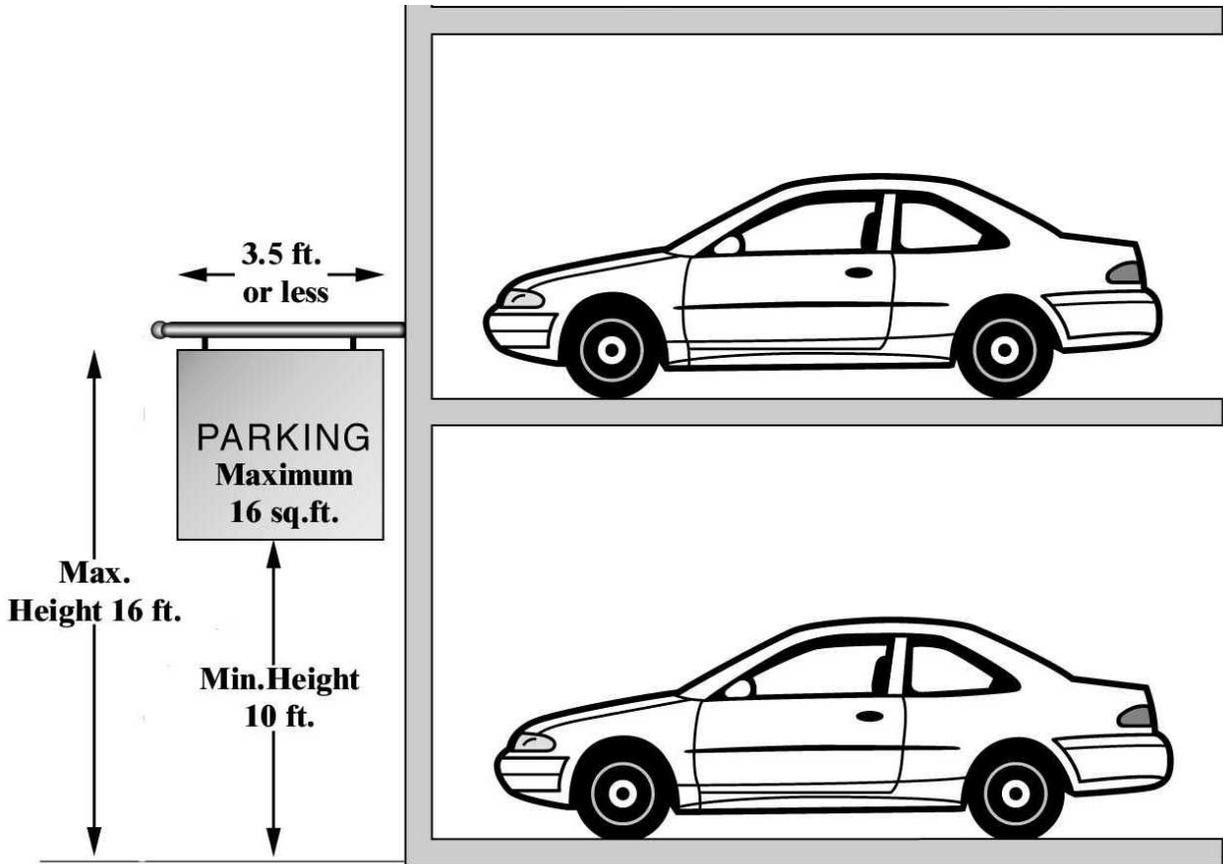
- (a) Parked cars must be screened from public view from every adjacent public way greater than 50 feet in width.
- (b) Garage entrances and exits must be designed and located so as to minimize hazards to pedestrians.
- (c) Facades must contain openings that, in their scale, size and placement, are compatible with the same qualities of openings in surrounding buildings.
- (d) Facades must contain articulations to achieve a sense of scale, rhythm and texture.
- (e) The facade of the ground-level floor must be differentiated from upper floors to establish the appearance of a base to the building. By way of example, this differentiation can be achieved through the use of several of the following techniques:

- (4) A taller ground floor.
- (5) A change in color.
- (6) A change in material
- (7) A change in detailing.
- (8) Banding at the top of the ground floor.
- (9) Other architectural means.
- (x) The design of facades may not reveal or imply sloping floor levels that may be behind the facade.
- (y) Facades must be compatible with the design, materials and overall character of surrounding buildings with regard to the scale, color and texture of materials, form, massing and design detailing.

#### **§ 1411-35. Parking Signs.**

Signage in parking lots and garages must comply with the following:

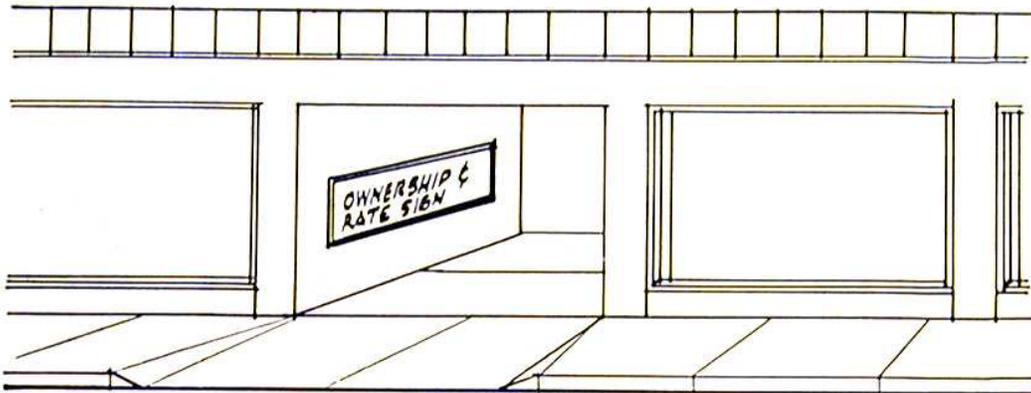
- (a) ***Parking Identification Signs.*** Parking identification signs may be erected at every entrance and may be internally illuminated, provided the area of any sign face may not exceed 16 square feet. For parking lots, signs may be erected as a ground or wall sign. For parking garages, signs may be erected as a wall sign or projecting sign. The height of any sign may be no less than ten feet above street grade and may not exceed 16 feet above street grade. The maximum width of a projecting parking identification sign may not exceed 3.5 feet. Refer to Figure 1411-35-A.



**FIGURE 1411-35-A** Parking Identification Signs

- (b) **Parking Ownership and Rate Sign.** Public ownership and rate signs may be erected as a wall sign or be affixed to the fencing required by § 1411-31. The copy must be as required by Chapter 413, Parking Garages and Parking Lots, of the Municipal Code. Refer to Figure 1411-35-B.

**FIGURE 1411-35-B** Public Parking Ownership & Rate Wall Sign



- (z) **Parking Entrance/Exit Signs.** Parking entrance/exit signs may be erected at every entrance or exit. A parking entrance/exit sign may not exceed eight square feet in face area.

## **§ 1411-37. Loading Requirements.**

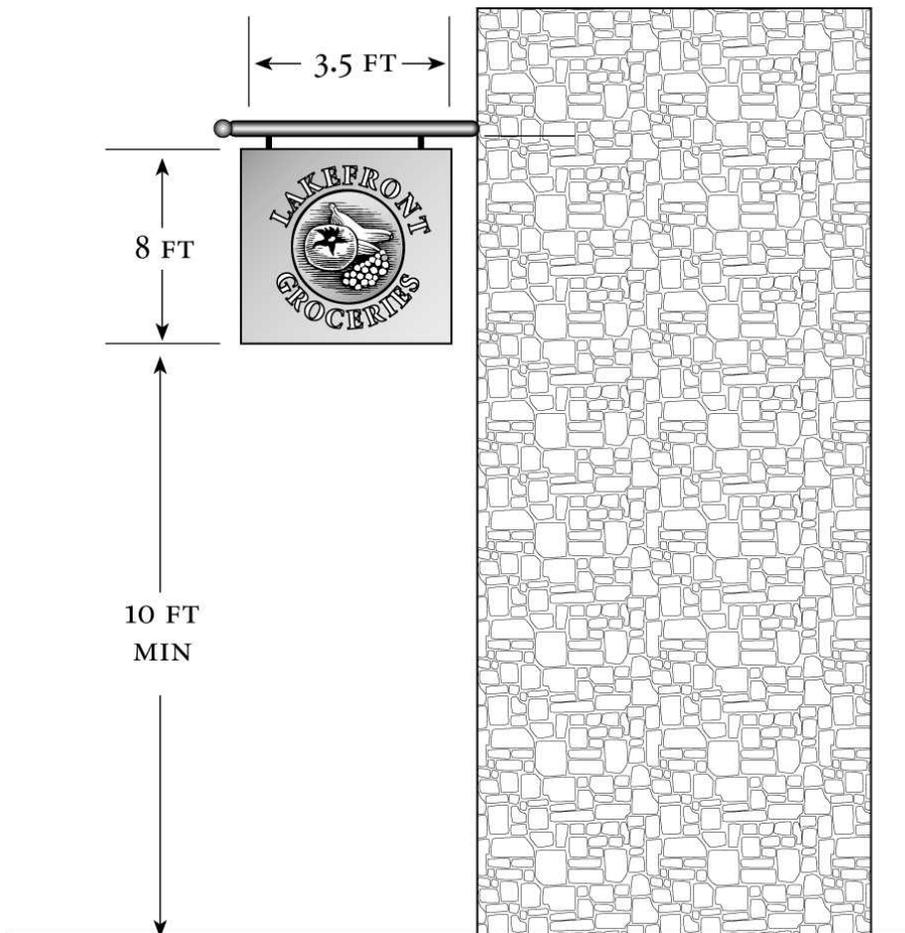
Loading spaces must be provided pursuant to Chapter 1425, Parking and Loading Regulations. Loading Spaces within Parking Subdistrict W or X must be entirely enclosed.

## **§ 1411-39. Signs.**

Signs located in any DD subdistrict must comply with the following regulations and with Chapter 718, Revocable Street Privileges, of the Municipal Code. Every sign erected, constructed, painted or maintained for which a permit is required, must be plainly marked with the name of the person erecting, painting and maintaining such sign, and must have affixed the number corresponding to the permit issued for the sign. The absence of a reference to a permit number is prima facie evidence that the sign or advertising structure is being displayed in violation of this section.

- (a) **Prohibited Signs.** The following signs are prohibited in the DD District, unless located in a Historic District and approved by the Historic Conservation Board:
  - (1) Outdoor advertising signs.
  - (2) Flashing signs, unless a marquee sign as provided below.
  - (3) Portable signs.
- (b) **Projecting Signs.** (Refer to Figure 1411-39-A). Projecting signs must comply with the following:
  - (4) *Location:* Below the third story of a building and extend from the building facade.
  - (5) *Maximum Width:* 3.5 feet.
  - (6) *Maximum Height:* eight feet.
  - (7) *Required Clearance:* A ten-foot clearance above the sidewalk must be maintained.
  - (8) *Lighting:* Lighting must be integrated with the sign design and must complement the building.
  - (9) Signs may not conceal any ornamental architectural elements.

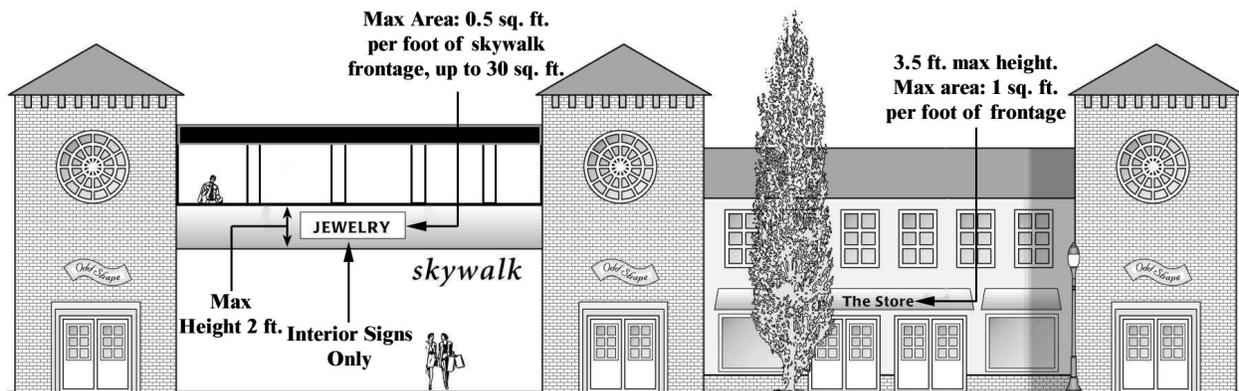
- (10) A revocable street privilege is required for signs projecting into the public right of way.



**FIGURE 1411-39-A** Projecting Signs in DD Subdistricts

- (aa) **Street-Level Wall Signs.** (Refer to Figure 1411-39-B). Street-level wall signs must comply with the following:
- (1) *Maximum Width:* contained within the horizontal limits of the business premises.
  - (2) *Maximum Height:* 3.5 feet.
  - (3) *Maximum Display Area:* 1-square foot for each one-foot of business frontage on the street to be faced by the sign.
  - (4) Awning signs are considered street level wall signs included in (3) above.

- (5) Awning signs may not exceed 12 square feet of total surface area and letters may not exceed 12 inches in height.
  - (6) The sign may not conceal any ornamental architectural elements and may not project above a parapet.
  - (7) Signs painted on buildings and structures are deemed street-level wall signs.
- (bb) **Skywalk-Level Wall Signs.** (Refer to Figure 1411-39-B). Skywalk-level signs must comply with the following:
- (1) *Maximum Width:* contained within the horizontal limits of the business premises.
  - (2) *Maximum Height:* Two feet.
  - (3) *Maximum Area:* 30 square feet or 0.5-square feet for each foot of business frontage on the skywalk to be faced by the sign, whichever is more restrictive.



**FIGURE 1411-39-B** Wall Signs in DD Subdistricts

- (cc) **Ground Signs.** Ground signs must comply with the following:
- (1) *Applicability:* A building setback from the public right-of-way by more than 25 feet may be served by one ground sign; otherwise, a ground sign is not permitted.
  - (2) *Maximum Height:* 16 feet.
  - (3) *Maximum Area:* 60 square feet or one-half square foot for each front foot of the building.
- (dd) **Building Identification Signs.** Building identification signs must comply with the following:

- (1) One trademark or building identification sign identifying the principal occupant as determined by the building owner of a building is allowed for each building facade, with a maximum of four signs for the building.
  - (2) The trademark or the letters comprising the occupant name must be affixed directly to the building facade.
  - (3) The building facade underlying the trademark or name may not be painted or otherwise differentiated from the remainder of the building facade merely to draw attention to the sign.
  - (4) The top of the sign may not project above the parapet, nor may the parapet be enlarged to accommodate a sign.
  - (5) The sign may be illuminated, but may not be a flashing sign.
  - (6) The maximum size of the sign cannot exceed the width of the wall on which the sign is attached multiplied by one foot for each 30 feet the top of the sign is located above street grade or 1,800 square feet, whichever is less. For example, a sign whose top is 400 feet above street grade is proposed to be located on a wall that is 150 feet in width where the sign is to be located. The maximum size equals the lesser of  $13 \times 150 = 1,950$  and 1,800. The maximum size is 1,800.
- (ee) **Marquee Signs.** Marquee signs must comply with the following:
- (1) The sign must be accessory to a large-scale recreation and entertainment use, hotels or convention center.
  - (2) The sign may not be attached to a roof structure and must be integrated architecturally into the primary structure.
  - (3) The sign may contain copy or other images announcing on-premise events only.
  - (4) The copy may be permitted to flash, move or otherwise change at intervals of more than one each six seconds.
  - (5) The size and design of a marquee is subject to review and approval of the Director of Buildings and Inspections prior to issuance of a building permit.
  - (6) A revocable street privilege is required for any marquee sign that extends into the public right of way.

- (ff) **Murals.** Murals are regarded as a work of art and must demonstrate an artistic quality or theme as opposed to direct or indirect illustrative advertising. Murals must comply with the following:
- (1) Advertising copy and trademarks are prohibited.
  - (2) One mural on one wall for every building.
- (gg) Subdivision Real Estate or Construction Signs. Subdivision real estate and construction signs must comply with the following:
- (1) A maximum of one sign for every street frontage.
  - (2) Total Surface Area: 64 square feet.
  - (3) Temporary signs must be removed within 24 hours of the completion of the activity.
- (hh) **Temporary Message Sign** (including banners). Temporary message signs must comply with the following:
- (1) Be made of cloth or other light fabric.
  - (2) May not exceed 12 feet in any of its dimensions.
  - (3) The message must pertain only to the business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered on the same premises as where the sign is maintained.
  - (4) Temporary message signs may be installed for a period not to exceed 30 days for a maximum of four times for every calendar year with at least seven days between installations.
  - (5) Temporary message signs may not cover any building openings such as windows and doors.

## **§ 1411-41. Additional Floor Area for Historic Conservation or Residential Development.**

A Conditional Use may be approved allowing additional floor area beyond that allowed by § 1411-07 and by Map 1411-09: FAR Overlay in Downtown Development Districts, for projects receiving a Historic Conservation Bonus or Residential Floor Area Bonus. In no case may additional floor area be granted such that the maximum building heights prescribed by Map 1411-13: Maximum Building Height Overlay in Downtown Development Districts, are exceeded.

- (a) **Historic Conservation Bonus.** Under the City's Historic Easement Program, the owner of a building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is located in any DD subdistrict may donate an easement in return for a Certificate of Transferable Bonus Floor Area, provided the easement is accepted by the Historic Conservation Board. This one-time certificate is issued by the Urban Conservator, who has the duty to maintain a record of the issued certificate, including the owner, the floor area available for transfer and the floor area actually transferred. All bonus floor area available under the easement may be transferred, provided the floor area does not exceed the maximum building heights prescribed by Map 1411-13: Maximum Building Height Overlay in Downtown Development Districts. Certificates of Transferable Bonus Floor Area may be transferred to and redeemed by anyone other than the original certificate holder. Certificates to be redeemed must be tendered to the Urban Conservator prior to the issuance of permits for construction. On completion of construction, certificates are cancelled and no certificate may be reissued, even if the building constructed pursuant to its redemption is demolished.
- (b) **Residential Floor Area Bonus.** The residential floor area bonus equals the total interior floor area of a building that is exclusively devoted to residential purposes, provided the bonus floor area does not exceed 25 percent of the building floor area.

## **§ 1411-43. Design Review of Publicly-Funded Parking Garages.**

Publicly-funded parking garages are subject to the following review:

- (a) **Design Review Responsibility.** On receipt of an application for a publicly-funded downtown parking garage, the City Manager, who has the duty to appoint the person or persons responsible for design review, may by contract retain a person prominent in the field of design of urban projects of scale similar to the proposed development to be responsible for design review. The application must be available, as it may be revised, for public inspection. Those responsible for design review may meet

periodically with the applicant in a public, informal conference to discuss the building design.

- (b) **Design Review Determination.** The person or persons responsible for design review has the duty to approve the proposed work if it conforms with the 2000 Plan or other applicable urban renewal plan, any otherwise applicable guidelines, laws, ordinances, regulations and variances granted for the work pursuant to Chapter 1447, Variances, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses and is in the public interest.
- (1) The work may be approved subject to conditions as necessary to ensure that the work is lawful, appropriate to its site and the surrounding area and in the public interest. Otherwise, the work must be disapproved.
  - (6) If the work is disapproved the reasons therefore must be stated in writing as findings of fact and conclusions of law.
  - (7) In determining whether the work is in the public interest, the decision-making authority has the duty to consider those factors listed in § 1445-13 that are relevant to the work and apply them in light of his or her professional training and experience. The failure of the proposed work to conform to any single factor or guideline is not necessarily a sufficient basis for denial. The decision-making authority has the duty to approve work that maximizes both the public interest and private benefits.
- (c) **Appeals.** Any adversely affected applicant may appeal a decision made pursuant to paragraph (b) above to the City Manager. The City Manager has the duty to conduct a public hearing on the appeal and affirm, modify or reverse the decision in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter. The decision of the City Manager is final, subject to appeal as provided by law.

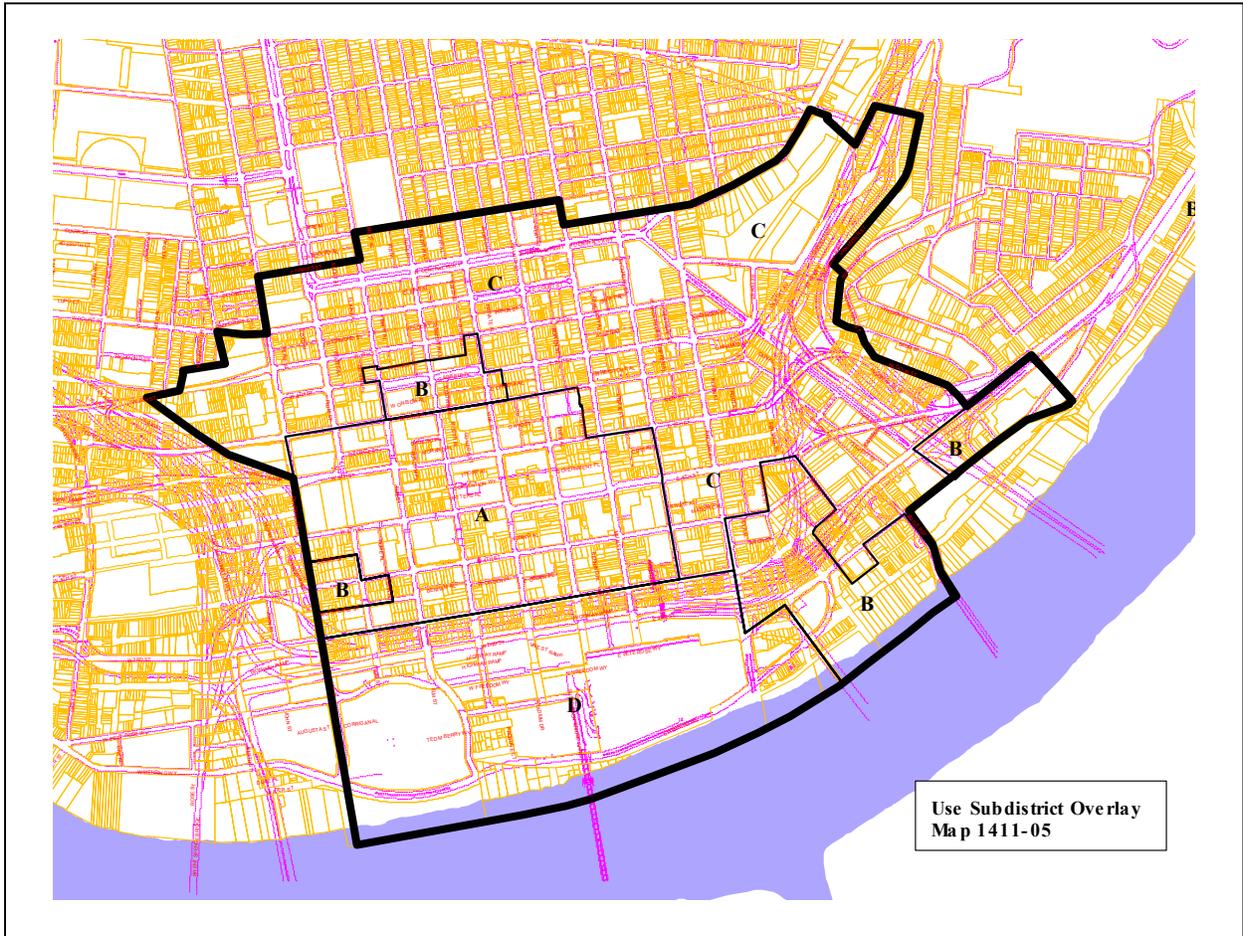
## **§ 1411-45. Phased Developments.**

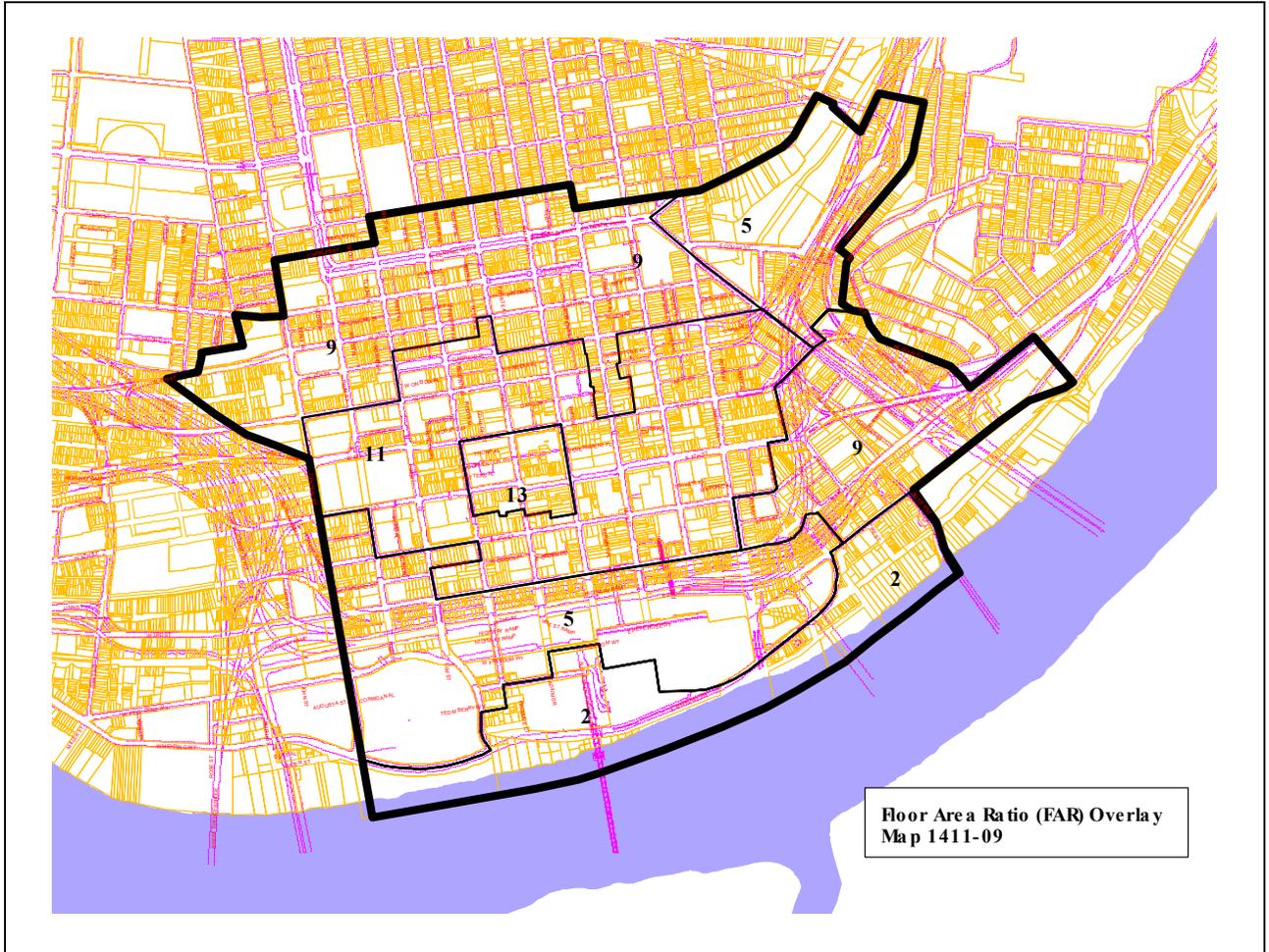
Where the owner of a lot or lots in the DD District intends to phase the development by first erecting one building and then enlarging that building or erecting one or more additional buildings or both, the owner must, prior to commencing development of the site, file a site master plan with the Zoning Hearing Examiner. The site master plan must be a schematic of the intended development of the entire site showing the locations, uses, heights and floor areas of every building. The master plan must contain such other information as necessary to determine whether the intended development conforms to the requirements of this Zoning Code. If the development is required to devote floor area to residential dwellings of § 1411-11, Required Residential Uses, compliance with the residential dwelling requirement need not be demonstrated at every phase of the development, but only after completion of all phases of the development.

Further, the applicant may be required to demonstrate that completion of all phases is a commercially reasonable expectation. The master plan may be amended from time to time, provided any amended master plan be filed with the Zoning Hearing Examiner. Compliance with the DD District Regulations imposed by Schedule 1411-07 of § 1411-07 and, as applicable, § 1411-11, must be determined each time a permit for construction of a new building or enlargement of an existing building is made. The site may be further subdivided and title to the various parcels held by different owners, provided that appropriate deed restrictions, covenants and easements be provided as determined to be necessary by the Zoning Hearing Examiner to ensure that the arrangement of building density and public amenities used to calculate allowable floor area are maintained for as long as any building erected on the site pursuant to this provision remains.

**§ 1411-47. Maintenance of Vacant Lots.**

Every owner of any vacant lot within the DD District has the duty to keep the lot clean, free from garbage, litter, standing water, debris, parked motor vehicles other than those parked in a lawfully existing parking or loading facility and all things causing the property to be detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare or to the aesthetics of the DD District or properties in the vicinity.





Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Overlay  
Map 1411-09

